

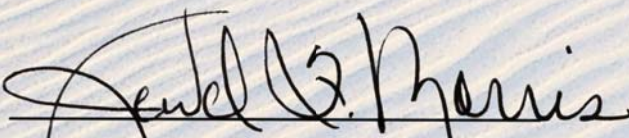
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Environmental Management System Policy


The mission of the United States Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. As environmental stewards, the Office of Research and Development (ORD) makes a commitment to protect the environment and demonstrate this value in our research and development activities. ORD will implement a multi-site laboratory Environmental Management System (EMS) that will utilize best practices in addressing regulatory compliance, pollution prevention, and resource preservation.

With this policy ORD commits to implement an EMS for laboratory employees, operations, and facilities. Our EMS will address the following objectives:


- Ensure compliance by meeting applicable environmental requirements while conducting research activities;
- Strive to continuously improve environmental performance;
- Integrate source reduction and other pollution prevention into research activities;
- Consider the environmental impact in planning, purchasing, operating and budget decisions;
- Establish, track, and review specific environmental objectives and targets; and
- Share information regarding environmental performance with all persons working for or on behalf of ORD.


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